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- (2) Timing of certification. (i) For an exception under §431.54(d), the State may not institute the project until after it has submitted the certification and CMS has made the findings required under the Act, and so notified the State.
- (ii) For exceptions under §431.54 (e) or (f), the State must submit the certificate by the end of the quarter in which it implements the project.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 66 FR 6402, Jan. 19, 2001, §431.51 was amended in paragraph (a) introductory text, by revising "and 1915(a) and (b) of the Act." to read "1915(a) and (b) and 1932(a)(3) of the Act."; paragraphs (a)(4) and (a)(5) were revised and a new paragraph (a)(6) was added; in paragraph (b)(1) introductory text, "and part 438 of this chapter" was added immediately before the comma that follows "this section"; in paragraph (b)(2), "an HMO" was revised to read "a Medicaid MCO", effective April 19, 2001. At 66 FR 11546, Feb. 26, 2001 the effective date was delayed until June 18, 2001, at 66 FR 32776, June 18, 2001 it was furthered delayed until Aug. 17, 2001, and at 66 FR 43090, Aug. 17, 2001 it was furthered delayed until Aug. 16, 2002. For the convenience of the user, the added and revised text is set forth as follows:

§ 431.51 Free choice of providers.

- (a) Statutory basis. * * *
- (4) Section 1902(a)(23) of the Act provides that a recipient enrolled in a primary care case management system or Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) may not be denied freedom of choice of qualified providers of family planning services.
- (5) Section 1902(e)(2) of the Act provides that an enrollee who, while completing a minimum enrollment period, is deemed eligible only for services furnished by or through the MCO or PCCM, may, as an exception to the deemed limitation, seek family planning services from any qualified provider.
- (6) Section 1932(a) of the Act permits a State to restrict the freedom of choice required by section 1902(a)(23), under specified circumstances, for all services except family planning services.

§431.52 Payments for services furnished out of State.

- (a) Statutory basis. Section 1902(a)(16) of the Act authorizes the Secretary to prescribe State plan requirements for furnishing Medicaid to State residents who are absent from the State.
- (b) Payment for services. A State plan must provide that the State will pay

for services furnished in another State to the same extent that it would pay for services furnished within its boundaries if the services are furnished to a recipient who is a resident of the State, and any of the following conditions is met:

- (1) Medical services are needed because of a medical emergency;
- (2) Medical services are needed and the recipient's health would be endangered if he were required to travel to his State of residence;
- (3) The State determines, on the basis of medical advice, that the needed medical services, or necessary supplementary resources, are more readily available in the other State;
- (4) It is general practice for recipients in a particular locality to use medical resources in another State.
- (c) Cooperation among States. The plan must provide that the State will establish procedures to facilitate the furnishing of medical services to individuals who are present in the State and are eligible for Medicaid under another State's plan.

§ 431.53 Assurance of transportation.

A State plan must-

- (a) Specify that the Medicaid agency will ensure necessary transportation for recipients to and from providers; and
- (b) Describe the methods that the agency will use to meet this requirement.

(Sec. 1902(a)(4) of the Act)

§431.54 Exceptions to certain State plan requirements.

- (a) Statutory basis. Section 1915(a) of the Act provides that a State shall not be deemed to be out of compliance with the requirements of sections 1902(a) (1), (10), or (23) of the Act solely because it has elected any of the exceptions set forth in paragraphs (b) and (d) through (f) of this section.
- (b) Additional services under a prepayment system. If the Medicaid agency contracts on a prepayment basis with an organization that provides services additional to those offered under the State plan, the agency may restrict the provision of the additional services to recipients who live in the area served